sulting in a slow dealth to the patients;

(b) whether any Central initiative has been taken to find out the cause of this disease and educate the people to take preventive measures; and

(c) whether the disease is curable and Centre would take up a special project to do research on it to find a remedy of this disease?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (KUMARI SAROJ KHAPARDE): (a) It was found in paharia tribals in Sunder Paharia block that almost all the children below 10 years had enlarged spleen. It was noticed that as age advances, spleen becomes smaller in size and after 10 years, the spleen was normal. In three infants below one year, the spleen was very big upto the level of umblious and below. The liver was not enlarged. There was no enlargement of such soleen in another tribal community or even in non-tribals of that area.

(b) and (c) The rural health infrastructure of the area is taking care of this disease. Besides, the investigation have been entrusted to Genetic Unit in All India Institute of Medical Sciences through the Indian Council of Medical Research.

Loss of Goods Booked for Transportation by Railways

322. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railways have to incur heavy expenditure for paying compensation against loss|damage of goods booked for transportation;

(b) if so, what is the total amount that has been paid as compensation towards lost|damaged goods, during last three financial years (Zonal Railway-wise|year-wise); and which Division of each zonal railway involved largest expendture on this account;

(c) whether incidents have come to light to indicate collusive cooperations among Railway officials, goods traffic users and|or miscreants in pilfering valuable goods from railway custody and making the railway to pay compensation; and

(d) if so, the action taken or propose to be taken to curb such pilferage and what has been the achievement in this respect?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MAHABIR PRASAD): (a) to (d) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रों द्वारा प्रस्तुत किया गया ज्ञापन

323. **श्री सत्य प्रकाश मालवीय :** क्या मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि बनारस हिन्दू विश्वविद्यालय के छात्रों के एक प्रतिनिधिमंडल ने हाल में उन्हें एक ज्ञापन प्रस्तुत किया है जिसमें वहां की अनियमितताओं की जांच करने की मांग की गई है ; और

(ख) यदि हां, तो उनकी मुख्य-मुख्य शिकायतें क्या हैं और उन पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

मानव संसाधन विकास मंत्रालय में शिक्षा और संस्कृति विभागों में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एल० पी० शाही) : (क) जी, हां ।

(ख) ज्ञापन में मनमानी, पक्षपात, भाई-भतीजावाद, शैक्षिक और गैर-शैक्षिक पदों की नियुक्तियां और पदोन्नति में अनियमितताएं, वित्तीय अनियमितताएं, कुप्रशासन व्यक्तिगत लाभ के लिए सरकारी पद का दुरुपयोग आदि के आरोप शामिल हैं ।

यह मामला विचाराधीन है ।